



# NACCHO

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation

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### Long Live the Live Longer Aboriginal Community Health Campaign

Aboriginal communities are encouraged to use their local knowledge of what will work to promote healthy living in the new *Live Longer*\* community health campaign says Chair of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation Mr Justin Mohamed.

Mr Mohamed said, "Our communities welcome the flexibility and local control that's a central part of the campaign built around a celebration of healthier living".

"The Australian Government, Warren Snowdon, as the Minister responsible for Aboriginal health, and the *Live Longer* campaign team have done a great job listening to communities and delivering local control of these health grants.

"The Healthy Community Days and local community campaigns are part of Aboriginal people taking more control of their health and owning the solutions.

"This fits well with the philosophy of our 152 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services in urban, regional and remote Australia.

"Several of our services have already received grants for events under *Live Longer* campaign.

"I'm especially proud to see that one of NACCHO's older community controlled health service members, the great [Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service \(WAMS\)](#) in North West NSW is celebrating its 25th anniversary this week.

"A part of the celebrations featuring Chef Mark Olive, nutrition and healthy eating have been assisted with a grant from the *Live Longer* campaign.

"I'd urge NACCHO's member health services to see how they can make best use of the *Live Longer* program to support their local initiatives.

The Australian Government is investing \$21.3 million over four years to establish and run the Local Community Campaign," Mr Mohamed said.

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